Implementation of Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme

3643. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some States and Union territories are not implementing the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme;

(b) if so, the names of those States and Union Territories;

(c) whether there is a need to include some more crops like cotton, sugarcane, fruits and other agricultural crops under the scheme; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The names of States and Union Territories which presently not implementing the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) are Arunachal Pradesh, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Uttar Pradesh, Chandigarh, Dadar and Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Delhi and Lakshadweep.

(c) and (d) In view of the requests of the implementing States/Union Territories since implementation of the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) the need to include some more crops like cotton, sugarcane, fruits and horticultural crops under the Scheme has been felt. But, in view of heavy losses incurred so far by Central and State Governments in running the CCIS, it has not been considered feasible to include any other crops under the OCIS. However, due to pressing demands idea of the Government is to gain some more experience in respect of the crops which are presently covered under the CCIS. However, due to p ressing demands of a number of States, the matter regarding inclusion of sugarcane & cotton under the CCIS has been referred for advice to the Standing Advisory Committee constituted recently in the Ministry of Agriculture.

Fishing Harbour Project at Paradeep

3644. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have not yet set up the fishing harbour project at Paradeep in Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the project would be completed during the current financial year; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to expedite the construction work ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR) : (a) to (c) The Fishery Harbour Project at Paradeep was sanctioned in February 1990 and is expected to be completed in four years.

(d) In order to expedite progress on the project, construction work would be monitored by a Monitoring Committee under the Government of India.

Quota of Reservation of Berths/Seats in Trains leaving from Delhi

3645. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Railway Board controls some quota of reservation of berths and seats in each train in each class leaving New Delhi/Delhi/Nizamuddin;

(b) if so, the details thereof, trian-wise and class-wise;

(c) whether some norms have been laid down to deal with the requests of reservation received in Board's office;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the staff dealing with reservation are being transferred on rotational basis: and

(f) if so, the details thereof with tenure of such staff and if not the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) and (b)